

Remarks

Upon review of the allowed claims, the Applicants noticed claim language in independent claim 30 that lacks antecedent basis. Believing that such language could render the claim indefinite under 35 USC 112, ¶2, the Applicants brought it to the Examiner's attention in telephone conversations dated June 16, 2005 and June 17, 2005.

Specifically, claim 30 initially uses the term "containment structure" in the second line of the claim, then proceeds to use the term "said fuel container" in three subsequent places, once in the "rear face" clause and twice in the "fire extinguishing agent" clause. The proposed amendment replaces all instances of the latter term in claim 30 with the former. That claim 30 should have recited the term "containment structure" rather than "fuel container" is made manifest with reference to original dependent claim 31, which correctly recites "said containment structure".

The Applicants wish to extend sincere appreciation to the Examiner for taking the time to review independent claim 30 in general, and the aforementioned claim terms in specific. In view of the proposed claim amendment, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 30 is now similarly situated with the remainder of the claims as being patentable under all relevant sections of Title 35 of the United States Code, and like the remainder of the claims, is entitled to a finding of allowability by the Examiner. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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